per year in respect of India. This figure matches reasonably with 1820 cubic metre per capita per year as worked out with the population based on 2001 census.

Repair of damaged and weak bunds of rivers in Assam

788. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what strategy has been worked out by Government for repairing the damaged and the weak bunds to rivers in Assam;

(b) whether Government have offered money and suggested measures to fight flood in the coming year;

(c) if so, what are details of the plans; and

(d) if not, th reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) Flood Management including river erosion being a state subject, investigation, planning and implementation of flood management schemes are within the purview of the State Government. The Central Government renders assistance which are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. The Brahmaputra Board constituted in 1982 under an act of Parliament has prepared Master Plans for water resources management in Brahmaputra and Barak Basins. These Master Plans were forwarded to the State Governments for formulating schemes for implementation after detailed investigations.

(b) and (c) For taking up critical flood control and anti-erosion schemes in Brahmaputra and Barak Valley (in the North-Eastern States including Assam, Sikkim and North Bengal) a Centrally Sponsored Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 166.68 crore has been formulated for implementation during Tenth Fiver Year Plan.

Further, Brahmaputra Board has taken up the execution on Pagladiya Dam Project in Nalbari district of Assam at an estimated cost of Rs. 542.90 crore and the Harang Drainage Development scheme with an estimated cost of Rs. 30.49 crore in Cachar district of Assam. Also, during Tenth Five Year Plan, an outlay of Rs. 42.00 crore has been provided for taking up critical flood control/anti-erosion schemes in North-Eastern States including Assam.

(d) Does not arise.